The export and import trade of the country needed thorough scrutiny. It was the foreigner who quoted both for exports and imports. If a trade agent was appointed by the Government in London or elsewhere, he would be able to find out the best markets for the local products.

In spite of all that had been done for the advancement of education among boys and girls, the question of adult education was totally neglected in the State. One of the easiest ways of spreading education among adults was the establishment of libraries and reading rooms. The libraries in the State numbered only 31, of which only one was run by the Government. There should be a Government library and reading room at the headquarters of every taluk.

Another problem that confronted the State was the beggar problem. A few poor-houses should be built in different parts of the State so that the beggars could be fed and sheltered. They could with advantage be taught useful cottage industries also.

By way of civic amenities, provision should be made in every town for recreation grounds. This was indispensable for promoting the general health of the town folk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: All your suggestions, Mr. Joseph, deserve very serious consideration and attention, especially those dealing with the revival and extension of industries. No time will be lost in coming to a decision about the development of railway extensions. You are correct in saying that the survey of the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line has been completed. An estimate has been submitted, and the Quilon-Ernakulam and two other railway lines in North Travancore have also been surveyed, and reports and estimates are awaited. The other line you mentioned, *viz.*, the Ettumanur-Mundakayam line, is not to be proceeded with. The survey has been dropped.

The construction of the Kottayam-Alleppey road will be very costly. We have no funds for that at present.

The investigation of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme is proceeding now; and there is no doubt that this matter will assume greater importance in the future.

Your suggestion for the utilisation of the industrial resources of the State and for the improvement of trade will receive careful attention.

137. Certain general needs.

MR. K. C. SHADANANAN NAYAR (*Nominated*) prayed for a long life and prosperity to His Highness the Maha Raja. He also congratulated the Dewan on his appointment.

Passing on to his subject, the member first represented about the necessity of deepening to five feet depth the following canals in the Kizhkulam pakuthi:—

(i) the canal from the western side of the Tengapattanam bridge to Kizhkulam;

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(ii) the canal from Kizhkulam to Keekkottukulam ; and

(iii) the canal from Arasukulam to Elanjakulam which would greatly facilitate the irrigation of about 500 *kottas* of paddy fields.

A non-departmental Anchal Office should be opened at Kizhkulam. The Kizhkulam pakuthi was thickly populated and the people suffered very great inconvenience owing to the absence of an Anchal Office. The nearest Anchal Office was 5½ miles away.

A Police outpost should be established at Kizhkulam at a very early date.

The vernacular primary school at Kizhkulam should be raised to a middle school. An English middle school should also be opened at the place.

The people of the Kizhkulam pakuthi did not get adequate medical relief. At least one or two Ayurveda *vaidyasalas* should be opened there, if the establishment of a hospital was not feasible.

The civil and criminal jurisdiction over the Kizhkulam pakuthi should be transferred to the Munsiff's Court and the Magistrate's Court, respectively, at Kuzhittura, the Police jurisdiction to the Police Station at Kuzhittura and the Registration jurisdiction to the Sub-Registrar's Office at Munchira.

Two roads, one from the English school at Charikkal in Killiyur to the church in Puthentura and another from the Ammankoil at Uyarattuvila to Puttattikkada, were badly needed by the inhabitants of Kizhkulam.

The Attukal channel should be opened to take the Kodayar water for irrigating the lands in the Nattalam, Killiyar, Kizhkulam, Killiyur, Midalam and Kizhmidalam pakuthies. Pending completion of the Attukal channel, the irrigation tanks, both major and minor, in the above *pakuthies* should be restored and properly maintained every year.

Public wells should be sunk in all parts of the State where there was scarcity of good drinking water. This was a prime necessity which should be attended to in the interests of the general health of the people.

The public health activities already introduced at Neyyattinkara should be extended to the other taluks in South Travancore and then to the other parts of the State.

Two cattle markets, one near the Charikkal English school and another at Karinkal, should be opened at an early date.

The Karinkal market should be extended and improved. It should be shifted from the road side to some convenient site near by.

The Colachel port should be improved and facilities afforded for the landing of steamers.

The railway line should be extended from Trivandrum to the southernmost boundary of the State. This would largely improve the means of communication in South Travancore.

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Lastly, the member urged the need for making primary education compulsory. Primary education was imparted free. But it was stated that there was a proposal to stop this concession. If this be true it was an unwise step. Primary education should not only be free, but be made compulsory.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Shadanandan Nayar, the deepening of the irrigation canals of the Kizhkulam pakuthi in the Vilavankod taluk and the need for opening a non-departmental Anchal Office there, will be enquired into.

As there are two Police outposts very near, a separate one at Kizhkulam is not necessary.

The question of raising the standard of the primary school must wait until the financial situation improves. And, in regard to the opening of an English middle school, I can only repeat that the present policy of Government is not to open new schools except in very rare cases.

As there are four *vaidyasalas* within four miles of Kizhkulam, another one does not seem necessary there.

The question of transferring the civil and criminal jurisdiction over the Kizhkulam pakuthi will await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The transfer of the Police jurisdiction is under consideration, as also the transfer of Registration jurisdiction.

The opening of the roads mentioned requires investigation.

The opening of the Attukal channel cannot be taken up, partly because there is not enough water and partly because it is too costly. The restoration of irrigation tanks will be enquired into.

Every year money is earmarked in the budget for sinking wells. This year a sum of over Rs. 20,000 is set apart for improving the water supply in the State. It is impossible to supply every place in the State with drinking water in one year. Wells will be sunk in the order of their urgency.

The working of the Health Unit at Neyyattinkara is being watched; and we hope, if money is available, to extend these activities later.

In regard to the opening of the public market you want, the matter will be enquired into.

There is no money this year to extend and improve the Karinkal market.

The Colachel port is developing as far as the number of vessels is concerned. To improve it by piers or groynes will be very expensive, and that matter must lie over.

As I told Mr. Joseph, the question of extending the railways in the State will be taken up and a decision come to shortly.

The policy of Government at present, as regards free compulsory primary education, is that the necessity for it has not yet been established.

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